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AVOCADOS

FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



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FLORIDA: The forecast of avocados for certified shipments is continued from last month at 850,000 bushels. This is down from 900,000 bushels at the beginning of the season because of the affects of Hurricane Irene. If realized, this will be the least amount shipped since the 1995-96 season but only five percent less than last season.

Weekly shipments have declined since the storm because of fruit blown off the trees. Mostly larger size varieties were lost.

CALIFORNIA: Shipments through January 1 total 273,000 bushel equivalents, slightly less than the 292,000 bushels shipped to the same time last season. Last season's total shipments were 5,403,000 bushel equivalents, 15 percent less than this season's forecast of 6,360,000 bushel equivalents. Some of last season's crop was lost in the December 1998 freezing weather.

FLORIDA: Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through December	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1989-90	1,188,200	111,800	1,300,000
1990-91	721,600	30,400	752,000
1991-92	1,019,600	91,400	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	156,400	18,600	175,000
1994-95	711,500	67,500	779,000
1995-96	698,700	45,300	744,000
1996-97	830,300	87,700	918,000
1997-98	923,200	14,800	938,000
1998-99	831,400	59,600	891,000
Estimated:			
1999-00	829,900	20,100	850,000

CALIFORNIA: Estimated avocado shipments, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1998-99	1999-00 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through January 1	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels 1/				
Fuerte	103,000	24,000	94,000	118,000
Hass	4,860,000	139,000	5,597,000	5,736,000
Other	440,000	110,000	396,000	506,000
Total	5,403,000	273,000	6,087,000	6,360,000

1/ Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.